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Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 13, 22, and 34 to important certain limitations from originally dependent claims. The relevant dependent claims are therefore being canceled. Other amendments remove multiple dependencies. Some amendments correct typographical errors, such extraneous words or punctuation marks. All the present claims find support in the original claims and/or the specification.

It is respectfully submitted that the present claims are in condition for examination on the merits. However, if any questions remain, the Examiner or other PTO official is encouraged to call the undersigned at **202-496-7845** to expedite this application.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the USPTO, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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Respectfully submitted,

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